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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2012**

**Comparative Politics and International Relations**

**Dissertation:** *“South Africa in Southern Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Economic Integration in the Southern African Development Community Using Hegemonic Stability Theory”*

**B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1998**

Major in Political Science with a Minor in History

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative Politics of the Global South; Africa, South Asia; East Asia; Latin America;  
International Relations; International Political Economy; Globalization; and International Organization

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Distinguished Lecturer, University of Tennessee (UT),** Department of Political Science, Fall 2017-Present

**Senior Lecturer, University of Tennessee (UT),** Department of Political Science, Fall 2013-Fall 2017

**Lecturer, University of Tennessee,** Department of Political Science, Fall 2003-Spring 2013

Courses Taught:

Political Science Honors Seminar: *Globalization, Transformation, and American Power*

Introduction to International Relations

The Politics and Culture of Sub-Saharan Africa

The Politics and Culture of South Asia

Political Change and Development in the Global South

Popular Culture and American Politics

Introduction to Political Science/World Politics

Women and Development

Teaching Political Science Graduate Seminar (With Dr. Richard Pacelle)

**Faculty Appointment, Colorado State University,** Semester at Sea Program, Spring 2017

Courses to be Taught:

Globalization, Sustainability, and Development

Controversies in Modern World Politics

Women and Development

**Faculty Associate, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy,** Fall 2008-Present

**Guest Lecturer and Panelist, UT, “Teaching Political Science” Graduate Seminar,** 2004-2011

**Instructor, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy,** Fall 2007

*Baker Policy Seminar on Envisioning Africa’s Future*

**Participant, University of North Carolina, Asheville,** Summer 2004

Teaching Non-Proliferation Summer Institute

**Teaching Fellow, University of South Carolina (USC),** Department of Political Science, Spring 2003

Taught: Controversies in the Politics of Global Regions: Africa

**Guest Researcher, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2002**

**Teaching Assistant, USC, Department of Political Science, 2000-2001**  
Politics and Governments of Latin America, Teaching Assistant to Professor Mona Lyne

**Research Assistant, USC, Survey Research Lab of the Institute for Public Policy, 1999-2000**

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

- International Relations, Political Economy, and Comparative Politics of Africa
- Comparative Politics courses on South Asia, Latin America, and East Asia
- Political Economy, International Integration, Foreign Policy
- Democratization, Development, Diaspora Studies
- Women and Development; Women in Global South Politics

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

**American Political Science Association Michael Brintnall Teaching and Learning Award, Spring 2016**

**Grant Winner (\$1500), Ready for the World Global Action Committee Travel Award Winner, “Decolonizing Knowledge Summer Institute Panelist and Attendee” [Barcelona, Spain] Spring 2016**

**Grant Winner (\$5000), Center for International Education Project Feasibility Study, “Pan-African Explorations in Study Abroad” [South Africa, Mauritius, Senegal] Summer 2014**

**Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Tennessee, Spring 2013**

**Teaching Excellence Award Winner, University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2012**

**Professor of the Semester, University of Tennessee Panhellenic Council, Fall 2009, Spring 2018**

**Teacher of the Year, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society at the University of Tennessee, 2007-2008**

**Grant Winner (\$5,000), Ready for the World Program at UT, “Internationalizing Introduction to Political Science: Enhancing our Globalized Curriculum” Spring 2007**

**Fulbright Group Project Abroad Participant, Sookmyung Women’s University; Seoul, South Korea, Summer 2001**

### **PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Recent research has revolved around completion of a dissertation on the feasibility of regional currency unions for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC). This research involved interviewing a variety of Central Bank, Treasury Department, and NGO officials in throughout Southern Africa and analyzing their views to establish the most effective path to greater regional monetary cooperation. This research is a part of a forthcoming book comparing the economic integration efforts of the EAC, SADC, and the West African Monetary Zone utilizing hegemonic stability theory. Other ongoing research examines Botswana’s and Mauritius’s political “Exceptionalism,” and the political status of members of the South Asian diaspora in Africa

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Track Summary: Internationalizing the Curriculum: *PS: Political Science and Politics*. With Tara Parson. July, 2015, Volume 48, Number 3.

"From International Pariah to Africa's Messiah: The Dynamics and Impact of South Africa's Paradigm Shift." Book chapter in *The African Search for Stable Forms of Statehood: Essays in Political Criticism*. Shadrack Nasong'o, Editor. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2008.

"Track Report: Internationalizing the Curriculum II." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. With Pamela Zeiser, Christopher Brooks, and John Berg. July 2007, Volume XL, Number 3.

"Book Review of *Towards a Common Defense and Security Policy in the Southern African Development Community*." *African Book Publishing Record*, Fall 2005, Volume 41:3.

"Book Review of *Africa at a Glance*." *African Book Publishing Record*, Fall 2005, Volume 41:3.

"Book Review of *SADC: The Cost of Non-Integration*." *African Book Publishing Record*, Summer 2001, Volume 37:2.

## **FOREIGN RESEARCH AND STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE**

**Field Course Organizer for Student Engagement in Casablanca, Cape Town, and Yangon**, Semester at Sea, 2017

**Teaching about Anti-Terrorism Tactics**; Center for the Defense of Democracies; Tel Aviv, Israel, 2012

**Team Leader, Sudan Action Team Development Project**; Yei, Southern Sudan, 2007

**Guest Researcher, University of Stellenbosch**; Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2002

**Fulbright Group Project Abroad Participant**, Sookmyung Women's University; Seoul, South Korea, 2001

**Haitian Field Work Trip**, United Methodist Committee on Relief; Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 2001

**Cameroon Graduate Field Research Trip with the University of South Carolina Department of Political Science**, University of Buea; Buea, Cameroon, 1999

**Greece Study Abroad Program**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of History, Summer 1995

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Internationalizing the Curriculum: Lessons from Departmental Efforts at Curricular Transformation."  
*APSA Teaching and Learning Conference*, Internationalizing the Curriculum Track I,  
Albuquerque, NM (Feb. 11-13, 2011).

"Integrating International News Websites in Courses: Bias Detection and Analytical Skills Development."  
*APSA Teaching and Learning Conference*, Internationalizing the Curriculum Track I,  
Charlotte, NC (Feb. 9-11, 2007).

"Dominant or Debutante: South Africa as a Reluctant Hegemon in Regional Economic Integration."  
*African Studies Association*, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 11-14, 2004).

"South African Military Involvement in Haiti: A New Direction for the African Renaissance."  
*International Studies Association-South*, 2004 Meeting, Columbia, SC (Oct. 22-23, 2004).

"Hegemonic Dominance in SADC: Views from the Region on South African Domination of a Proposed Regional Currency Zone."  
*American Political Science Association*, 2004 Meeting, Chicago, IL (Sept. 2-5, 2004).

“The Possible Shape of a Southern African Currency Union: Voices from the Region.” *South African Association of Political Studies*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Research Colloquium, Hammanskraal (Pretoria), South Africa (October 6-8, 2002).

“The Transformation of the Southern African Development Community in Apartheid’s Wake.” *African Studies Association*, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Houston, TX (Nov. 15-18, 2001).

“South Africa and the Southern African Development Community: Hegemonic Domination or Effective Integration.” *International Studies Association*, Southern Region Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, NC (October 12-14, 2001).

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Chinese Investment in Southern Africa: The Backdoor to Resource Domination.”

“Mauritian and Botswana Exceptionalism: Lessons for Africa.”

## **ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

**University of Tennessee African Students Association’s Africa Week Presentation**, Spring 2010, Discussion on Encouraging Study Abroad and Travel by UT Students to South Africa”.

**University of Tennessee’s Genocide Awareness Project Panel Presentation**, Spring 2009, Discussion by Will Jennings, Patrick Cook-Deegan, and Dr. Amadou Sal on genocide in Sudan, Burma, and Mauritania.

**Baker Center Documentary Discussion “*God and Politics and the 2008 Presidential Election*,”** Fall 2008, Speaker and Discussion Leader for a pre-election discussion of the role of religion in the 2008 Election.

**University of Tennessee Issues Committee Panel Discussion on “Human Rights in Africa,”** Spring 2008, Roundtable by Africana Studies faculty on the challenges of improving human rights in Africa.

**W.S. Sandel Elementary School** (Columbia, SC), March 2003, “Taking Pride in African Culture: Reasons to Celebrate South Carolina’s African Roots.”

**Somerset College** (Somerset West, South Africa), March 2002, “The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: Potential Paths to Reconciliation.”

**William King Regional Arts Center** (Abingdon, VA). October 2001, “Myths and Misconceptions about Africa.”

## **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SERVICE**

**University of Tennessee Department of Political Science, Undergraduate Studies Committee**, Fall 2018-Present, Member.

**University of Tennessee Non-Tenure Track Issues Committee**, Fall 2018-2019, Member.

***Taking the Deterrent to the Sea: Contemporary Security Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific Region*** (Vice Admiral Vijay Shankar, India, Rtd.), Summer 2016, Faculty Organizer.

**University of Tennessee Faculty Senate**, Fall 2014- 2015, Social Sciences Caucus Chair.

**University of Tennessee Faculty Senate**, Fall 2013-2015, Fall 2018-Present, Representative.

**University of Tennessee Teaching and Learning Council**, Fall 2013-2015, Fall 2019-Present, Council Member.

**University of Tennessee Haslam Scholars Program**, January 2016, Global Awareness Lecture. Discussed "Political Change and Racial Reconciliation in the New South Africa."

**University of Tennessee Model United Nations**, January 2015, Keynote Address. Discussed simple solutions to some of the world's big development challenges.

*Covenant Sans Sword: Security in South Asia* (Vice Admiral Vijay Shankar), Fall 2014, Faculty Organizer.

*Confessions of a Political Consultant Lecture* (Zack Condry), Fall 2013, Faculty Organizer.

**University of Tennessee—National Institute of Advanced Studies (Bangalore) MOU Taskforce**, Fall 2013, Committee Member. Coordinated potential departmental exchanges with Bangalore-based think tank.

**STAND, UT Student Chapter of Genocide Intervention Project**, 2008-2012, Faculty Advisor

**University of Tennessee College Democrats**, 2005-Present, Faculty Advisor, 2008 National Chapter Winner

**Departmental Task Force on Globalizing “Introduction to Political Science,”** Spring 2007, Leader.

Directed a group of faculty and graduate students to the APSA Teaching and Learning Conference and conducted a one-day mini-conference on internationalizing our Introduction to Political Science course.

**Life of the Mind Program**, August 2004, Peer mentor in this Freshman “First Year Experience” program. I also gave a two-part lecture to assist faculty with understanding the political and cultural context of Botswana in *The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency*, the Life of the Mind literary selection.

**University of Tennessee Model United Nations**, January 2011, Keynote Address. Discussed the United Nation’s role in combating global development challenges in the Global South.

*Vagina Monologues*, February 2009, Prologue on “Ending Violence Against Women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” in the program bulletin. Proceeds benefited a Congolese Rape Crisis Center.

### **DIRECTED STUDENT RESEARCH [SELECTED]**

“A Comparative Analysis of Resource for Infrastructure Agreements: Ghana and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” University of Tennessee College Scholars Senior Project (May 2017) for Jordan Bakke.

"Kony 2000 and the Cultural Imperialism of NGO Publicity Efforts in Modern Uganda." University of Tennessee Chancellor's Honors Thesis (May 2015) for Victoria Delaney.

"India's Hegemonic Ambitions: Regional Interventions from 1960-2010." University of Tennessee Chancellor's Honors by Contract Project (December 2014) for Desiree Dube.

"Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development: The PRDP for Northern Uganda." University of Tennessee College Scholars Senior Project (May 2013) for Elliot Bertasi.

“Improving the Developing World: The Contrasting Effects of Official Development Assistance on Economic Growth and Human Development in Africa.” University of Tennessee College Scholars Project (May 2011) for James Gibson.

“The US-Peru Free Trade Agreement: The Path Forward.” University of Tennessee College Scholars Senior Project (Fall 2008) for Michael Jones.

“Coca, Poppies, Kalashnikovs and Cash: The Impact of Illegal Drug Policies in Afghanistan and Colombia.” University of Tennessee College Scholars Senior Thesis (Spring 2006) for Jared Crumm.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES [SELECTED]**

"Dreaming of Dolly: An Instructor's Ability to Change Lives." September 25, 2015. *Daily Beacon*, Knoxville, TN. Adam Weatherell (p. 6).

"Students, Lecturers React to Obama's Victory." November 7, 2008. *Daily Beacon*, Knoxville, TN. Joe Tolbert (p.1).

"UT Democrats Numbers Rise." September 5, 2006. *Daily Beacon*, Knoxville, TN. Staff (p. 1)

"An American Perspective on the Upcoming Elections in Zimbabwe." Radio Interview. March 6, 2002. Maties FM, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Tennessee World Affairs Council (Nashville), Member, Spring 2019-Present

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Knoxville Alumni Chapter, Member, Fall 2004-Present

New Sudan Educational Initiative, Southern Advisory Taskforce, Member, Spring 2009-2011.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

African Studies Association

American Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

National Eagle Scout Association

## **LANGUAGES STUDIED**

French

Spanish

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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